A n weomer who has been looking to me nest large enough to accomnt of town furniture remarked What's the matter with rents town anyway? I see thousands es and offices tenantless, but as m them are beyond my means I'm us to know why the landlords n't e ano down a peg or two and give at liew a chance to locate within male reach of his business." And others. A friend of mine up in is one of three occupants of a u-built forten. The seven apartlast been empty a year, but the prins s to lower the rent when the three threatens to change ... nor will be scale down the tenre in order to fill the vaand profitless rooms. And this mary case of this sort, by any another real estate agent has Ling a row of fine flats for three years because nobody feels in bring \$1,000 on any one of If he had knocked off \$300, he il lave rented every one of them. way the metropolitan landlord . less to gain is one of the secrets real estate business that outsidin only juggle with mentally.

is the way in which the tenants a put up a good bluff manage to the comforts of an up to date whilest paying scarcely anything pictlege. I know one man here t pay over \$200 a year for a ill. ite got behind in his rent. then be jullied the janitor, who did oldering. The junitor, in turn, the wn the landlord, and as a tenant got in deeper and deeppays a month's rent once and puts up such a bold front a receipt on his promises. house is another tenant on a month, but he shuts up as charterents for two months every and goes seaward. He flatly rehas a to pay rent while doing the grand, Landlord hasn't as yet done a him. Still another high flier part up \$75 a month for the pick of the promise. He's in about four months but as yet care hasn't carved any wradles on his broad brow. All of which leads to the conclusion that rents are tagh here in order to cover losses of the sait cited .- New York Letter in Panetary Dispatch.

Another peculiar feature of the busi-

SARCASM BY WHISTLER.

Word Sketch Which Scored a Member of the Hogarth Club.

There is in Lendon an institution allor the Hogarth club, the membersing of which is restricted to artists and littinateurs. It is something on the lines of the old Bohemian club, and both matters men and American millionaires are strictly interdicted. Whistler is a member, and, of course, shines by his withelesus. The lines being strictly trawn there is always an effort being made by some outsider to force an entrans and in the case of Baron Grant it not with success. Grant was a treble millionaire who had made his fortune in Turkish contracts and had invested in an italian title on his way back to London. He was a particularly notorious person and quite the last man whom the Hogarths should have admitted. for the appointment, but not before he However, by dint of buying pictures he had damaged a passing vehicle in his and proceeded to make his friends

in his honor and Whistler invited. man's astonishment, pressed 30 shillings though the great artist had refused, he largement into the club on the important evening and a deputation of his friends handly persuaded him into the supper r and He appeared, was wildly cheered and was at once asked to make a speech. "cantle non," he said, "it is on the indject of titles I should like to speak. There are several kinds of titles. Some Lorn into them-these are inhand the s; others are conferred by savetal n and have been carned by dismounthed service; a few are attributo it the government, of the law or of the church. All this you know, not of you. But a title which is not backted, nor yet bestowed for merit, becaves the sign of a position, is but a letten grant,"-San Francisco Wave.

One night a hig dinner was organized

A Thrifty Scotchman.

"Well, James, how are you feeling today?" said the minister to one of his 1303-linears, an old man suffering from change rheumatism. "You are not leaning as brisk as usual."

"Na sir," replied the old fellow sadly, "I've been gey unfortinit the day." "How. James?" "Wool, sir, I got a letter fra a Glas-

talawyer body this mornin, tellin me the one consin Jock was deid, an that le had I it me two hunner poun'. Two hundred pounds!" repeated the minerat. "And you call that hard luck?

Why, it is quite a fortune for you, Ay," said the old man sorrowfully,

"hat the stipid lawyer body dinna pit Mosen stamps on his letter, an I had a wall suxuence to pey for extra postage."

From His Point of View.

"I'm you confess, father," protested the beautiful girl, when the father the work indications of a desire to withheld his consent, "that you do not know of a single solitary thing that is in the last deregatory to his reputation."

"That's just it," replied the old genthen an "I don't like the idea of bring-102 may one into my family who is so internally sly as all that."-Chicago

Many of the fruits and vegetables the atta in England were almost unto our forefathers. Not until hamy Vill's time were either raspber-108 or strawberries or cherries grown in land, and we do not read of the being maliflower and quince being dirivated before the sixteenth century with carros before the seventeenth cen-

So He Could Sec.

Mr Harlow-Yes, I'll get a box and take Billy to the pantomime. Billy (who has never been to the theater - You II let me look out of the

top of the box, won t you, papa:-Har per a Puzza A Lember fog absorbs 11 per cent of the rays from an ordinary gas lamp and

21 per cent of those from a lamp with an incandescent mantle

Shows with heels six inches high were worn at the court of Louis XIV

"TEACH ME."

The Army Medical Library.

doth library and museum date their

existence from the late civil war, whose

horrors and sufferings prompted a pro-

found study of military medicine and

surgery. In 1862, Surgeon General Ham-

mond directed all medical officers of

the army "to collect and forward to the

office of the surgeon general all speci-

mens of morbid anatomy, surgical or

medical, which may be regarded as

valuable, together with projectiles and

foreign bodies removed, and such other

matters as may prove of interest." The

office of the surgeon general possessed

about 350 books on medical subjects at

that time, when congress legislated to

appropriate \$5,000 yearly for the pur-

chase of reference books to be used in

the compilation of the "Medical and

Surgical History of the War." In 1865.

Dr. John S. Billings, U. S. A., was

placed in charge of the embryo enter-

prise and his wide, grasping mind in-

stantly seized this opportunity to lay

the foundation of a national medical

library. The success of this scheme, un-

der his energetic administration as

curator for 30 years has been phenom-

Since April, 1897, Dr. J. C. Merrill

has been in charge of the library, which

000 volumes of bound books, and more

able collection of atlases of plates and

'the most complete collection of medi-

cal literature in the world."-Godey's

New Zealand Mutton.

designed for the London market may be

very briefly told. It is taken from the

run to the slaughter house, killed,

dressed and transferred to the cooling

room. The skin and superfluous fat are

retained; after ten hours' cooling the

carcass goes into the refrigerating room

for 36 hours. Thence it goes to the stor-

ing room, and when it has been envel-

oped in its cotton "shirt" and labeled

is ready for its journey over sea. The

steamers which bring the meat to us

through the tropics have, of course, to

be fitted with refrigerating appliances,

and our sheep takes its place among

thousands of others, some of the boats

being fitted to carry as many as 70,000

There are 88 vessels engaged in the

trade, capable of transporting 6,700,000

sheep per annum. Arrived in the

Thames, the barges come alongside the

vessel, and the sheep is transferred to a cold storage station. Here it may lie for

weeks or for months if necessary, so

that-an important commercial advan-

tage-there is no necessity for immedi-

ate sale on a depressed market -Good

The Fare and the Fine.

Scotch bailie who, on rising one morn-

ing, found that he had overslept him-

self and had but a few minutes in which

to keep a most important appointment.

Making a hurried toilet, he rushed from

"Drive me, ' he said to the man, "to

Faithful to his instructions, the

the courts of justice with all possible

speed. On no account delay an instant "

driver urged his steed to its very ut-

most. Faster and faster they went un-

til, after an exciting drive, he deposit-

ed his fare at his destination in time

handed him his fare, with the addition

of a substantial tip, and then, to the

into his hand, at the same time saying:

"Here's 30 shillings, my man. You

will be brought before me tomorrow for

furious driving, and I shall fine you

Don't Put Things Off.

you, Philip, 'said Mrs Gratebar, "the

fact that things in general are not auto-

matic-that is, they will not do them-

selves-and the longer you put off the

attack upon them the harder they are

to tackle. Don t put things off, Philip.

To things that require deliberation you

will give sufficient thought; but, as to

the run of things that come up, acquire

the habit of disposing of them as they

come along; you will find it a great

help in many ways. Don t cord em up,

Philip. The first thing you know you

will have more stacked up than you can

saw, and then, too, the pile is liable to

"Two things to remember, Philip-

first, things are not automatic; second,

the time to attend to things is now."-

An Arizona Rattler.

his hand who sleeps on the ground in

Arizona," said a young civil engineer

the other day, "because there are so

many snakes there. But unfortunately

men of our profession cannot always

choose their sleeping place. I was work-

ing down there a little while ago with

another fellow, and one night we were

obliged to lie down upon no better bed

than our overcoats stretched on the

ground. We were too tired to be nerv-

ous and slept soundly till after mid-

night, when my companion sprang up

"What's the matter?" I asked sleep-

I listened and heard nothing.
"I don't hear him," I said. "Guess
you've had a nightmare." So we settled

down again. In a few minutes my

friend leaped to his feet once more, ex-

"There's a rattler here, sure's fate,

It was queer that I couldn't hear it if

and you'd better get up. I believe he's

it was so near. I cautiously extended

my hand, feeling along the ground.

Yes, I know it was a foolish thing to

do, but we don't always stop to think.

"Yes," I said, "there is a rattler

here, in your pocket too. You tell your

sweetheart not to write you letters on

We slept soundly for the rest of the

night, but often since then I have guyed

him about his "rattler."-Cincinnati

Ways and Means.

First Tramp-It never costs me much

Second Tramp-Me neither, but what's

First Tramp—I patronize those places

where they trust to your honor to pay

the right price.-New York Commer-

Suddenly I burst out laughing.

suddenly, waking me with a start,

"There's a rattler here."

claiming:

under my coat."

such stiff paper."

Commercial-Tribune.

your game?

cial Advertiser.

They say that a man takes his life in

New York Sun.

fall on you at any time and hurt you.

"I cannot too strongly impress upon

that amount "

career The bailie, on alighting,

the house and hailed a passing jehu.

A good story is told of a certain

carcasses at one time.

The story of a New Zealand sheep

enal

Magazine.

Teach me, O star of night, With modest, steady light, With modest, steady light, Obedient, glad, to go the way From which God bids me not to stray! Teach me, O star of night!

Teach me, O flowers of night, To wait for summer bright And in the midst of earth's deep woo To sprout beneath the winter's snow! Teach me, O flowers of night!

Teach me, thou verdant wood, To shelter if I could Each being, friend or foe, whose face I come across in life's great race! Teach me, thou verdant wood!

Ye ocean waves so fair, Teach me my yoke to bear, And, like you, when day's voices cease Reflect a thought of heavenly peace! Teach me, O waves so fair!

O sun at cool of even. Direct my thoughts to heaven And teach me find in earth's dark night The promise of eternal light! Teach me, O sun at even!

-Translated From the Danish of Eev. Chris-

GERMAN PROFESSORS.

They Are Very Learned, but They Are

Also Very Human. The fact that the German professors at present contains on its shelves 120,- as a rule do not pay much attention to their personal appearance does not by than 200,000 pamphlets, besides a valu- any means indicate that they are insensible to their high social position. engravings, and is acknowledged to be Indeed, one of their marked characteristics, which they share with their countrymen of all grades, is their keen sense of rank and station. Appointments to university positions are eagerly sought, and to obtain them often involves a hard struggle and years of tedious waiting.

When a man has worked his way up gradually through the various grades of doctor, lebrer, oberlebrer, privat docent, ausserordentlicher professor, ordentlicher professor, geheimrat and excellenz, his conception of his own importance is not likely to decrease, especially in a country where great deference is paid to rank. He is likely to resent anything, therefore, that shows apparent indifference or contempt for his social importance. An illustration of this was an experience of an American lady of my acquaintance. She went signature to her university book. Either filled with the eternal music of mosqui to call on a professor in order to get his from thoughtlessness or ignorance she made no special toilet for the occasion, and, werst of all, appeared with not only her gloves, but also a small package in her hand. The learned man was not only exceedingly cool, but positively rude in his manner, yet the next day, on meeting her under other circumstances, he was almost overpoweringly gracious and polite.

A call upon a professor, whatever may be the occasion, is a very formal matter, and an examination is such a solemn ceremony that the prescribed rules for dress and conduct are almost as numerous and strict as those for a presentation at the court of St. James. No student would dare endanger his success by not driving around to the professor's house in a carriage of a certain class, and arrayed in full evening dress, with high hat and white gloves,

As an illustration of the type of professor who fully appreciates his own learning and importance' take this instance: A certain learned man whose name is familiar on both continents was recently lecturing on the history of philosophy. When he came to consider remark, "At present there are really only two philosophers of any note in Germany-the other one lives in Ber-

Now this same distinguished scholar has received the title of excellenz, which is very rarely conferred on a professor. He is connected with one of the smaller universities, and once received a flattering invitation to go to Berlin, but his own university and townspeople made such strenuous efforts to retain their celebrity that, in his own mind at least, the question of his going or staying had become one of national importance. One day some workmen were repairing the street near his home, and he was naturally much disturbed by the noise. Hastily throwing open the window, he called out angrily to the workmen, "If you don't go away and stop

that noise, I shall go to Berlin after all." The fact that the German professor is not merely a pure intelligence, nor yet always a schoene seele (beautiful soul), as his countrymen say, might be illustrated in numerous other ways. Among his many human frailties noue is usually more pronounced than his frequent tendency to belittle and discredit the work of other men in his own particular department. It is well known, for instance, that of the specialists in a cer-tain branch of theological learning in Germany no two are on speaking terms. Mutual envy as well as the edium theologicum may serve to explain this state of affairs -Roanoke Collegian.

The Circus In an Odd Corner of Italy. The admission fee to any part of the tent was only 8 cents, reserved scats excepted, and this did not at first seem an exorbitant sum, but it was quite sufficient when one considers the hardship of sitting upon rough planks, hewn by unskillful hands from the trunks of trees, and the odors from the closely

packed crowd. One easily forgot these trifling discomforts in witnessing the genuine delight of the spectators and the boundless enthusiasm with which they applauded the young lady who did the bareback act and the other who walked the tight rope and the sallies of Agosto. When each artist had a benefit, and it was the turn of one or another of them every performing night, the villagers and children, who were not, any of them, overblessed with coin, contributed

generously. The illuminations consisted of six kerosene lamps, two of them fastened to the central tent pole, and the performance had to be interrupted, often at its most thrilling point, while the lamps were being trimmed. No one showed the least impatience, and the reserved scats were regularly filled by the aristocracy from the hotel, including the reigning beauty, who never missed an evening.—"Varallo and the Val Seria," by Edwin Lord Weeks, in Harper's Magazine.

Pride of Ancestry.

"Mamma, the Smytheses are claiming that they, too, are descended from kings and are just as good as we.

"The insufferable upstarts! Why, they have to go back 37 centuries to find a king in their lineage, while we have to go back a scant 35 The very idea!"-Detroit Journal.

HUNTING ELEPHANTS

ATTEXCITING ADVENTURE IN THE UP-PER KONGO REGION.

the Mad Rush of the Startled Giants Through the Dense Forest Foliage - A Shot and a Tumble Into a Swamp Hole Just In the Nick of Time.

Mr. Herbert Ward relates in Cassell's Magazine some exciting experiences that befell him in the course of an elephant hunt in the forests of Mobunga, a district near the upper Kongo river. This country, which is inhabited by Mobunga cannibals, had not been visited by a white man before. Having been successful in reaching a favorite ground for elephants, his guides left the bunter at midnight, returning in their cance.

"After floundering about for some time," he says, "I at length found an elephant path. The cane was trodden into the sodden ground about four feet in width, and the path led straight across the middle of the bamboo patch. On either side of the path the cane grew so thickly that I found it almost impossible to penetrate. A storm was raging. I distinctly heard elephants forcing their way through the forest in order evidently to reach some open space where they might be safe from falling

"In the interm'ttent flushes of lightning I occasionally got a glimpse of their great, ghostly forms approaching the cane patch, and as the storm increased in fury the sound of elephants stampeding in all directions through the thick mass of bamboos impressed me in a most uncomfortable manner. Each moment I feared being trampled. The floundering, heavy footsteps occasionally seemed to approach within a few yards of me, and I distinctly heard the frightened squeals of baby elephants as they plunged and stumbled in the

"The storm ceased as suddenly as it came, and in the subsequent lull there was a constant dripping of water in the forest and the sound of falling branches. The elephants appeared to be standing motionless, and the air was once again

"With the first indication of dawn my spirits rose, and I carefully wined the mud from my rifle with the ragged sleeve of my shirt. While it was still too dark to distinguish the surroundings, I could plainly hear elephants stirring in all directions. Crawling some little distance along the sloppy path, I suddenly distinguished the outline of an elephant's head and back cutting sharp against the gray morning sky. It was impossible in that light to estimate distance.

"Creeping cautiously forward, I was startled two or three times by a low, rumbling socod peculiar to elephants, and which is in some way connected with their digestion. The cane patch appeared to be a perfect baven of refuge for elephants during the storm, for on every side there came audible evidences of their presence.

"When within what I judged to be 20 paces of my elephant, I was just abla to discern his cars, flapping spasmodically to beat off the mosquitoes and sand flies that hovered around him, and his trunk swinging listlessly among the trampled cane, as if in search of someday, he concluded his lecture with the thing cdible. Gradually Inoticed a certain restiveness, as though the animal was conscious of danger. Raising his trunk in the air, he sniffed in various directions until his head was turned straight toward me.

"Realizing that my presence was dizcovered and that there was not an instant to lose, I took a steady aim at his left shoulder and fired. The recoil of my eight here rifle knecked me backward, and as I struggled in the cane entangled slush, enveloped in smoke, I was conscious of a deafening uproar. The rifle report echoed strangely through the forest, and the startled dephants charged madly forward in every direction, crashing through the dense foliage like giant locomotives.

"By the time I regained my feet and had run aside to be clear from the to do what smoke I found my elephant slowly rising from the ground By this time I was within 15 paces of the beast and fully realized the necessity of firing a fatal shot. Trembling with excitement, I fired point blank at the animal's forchead, and, quickly stooping below the smoke, I caught sight of a jet of blood spurting from the wound, while the ponderous beast slowly sank to the

ground again-dead. "Releading in haste, I took two snap shots at an elephant rushing past me, without other effect, however, than to stop his progress. He stood for a moment gazing at me and twitching his tail. Owing to wet or dirt I found difficulty in opening my rifle, and in spite of frantic efforts I could not make the lever act. I can well recall the feeling of blank despair when the wounded beast, with coiled trunk and ears erect, rushed forward with a shrill scream.

"I darted aside and fortunately fel" lost to view in a swamp hole, complet . ly covered with a mass of vines and branches. There I lay breathless I c some moments, listening to the flourderings of the wounded elephant. At length the noise died away, and with daylight all was still again.'

The Elderly Colonel It seems so ungallant to say, so, but women s fashions were much more charming when I was

die Chuice.

a young man. The Flippant Girl-1 can readily believe you, colonel. Those were the days when the women wore their hair in corkscrews, were they not?-Indianapolis Journal.

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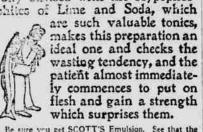
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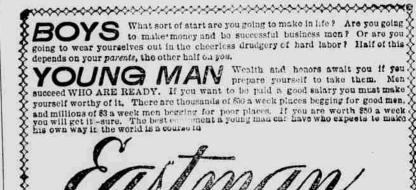
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